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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
DIFFRACTION GRATING ELEMENT

the specification of which

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☒ was filed on January 22, 2004
as United States Application Serial Number 10/761433 and,
was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS, BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119(a)

Application Number	Country	Date of Filing (Day/Month/Year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
<u>P2003-016747</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>24 / January / 2003</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>P2003-105678</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>09 / April / 2003</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>P2003-040196</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>18 / February / 2003</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS, BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119(e)

<u>60/442508</u>	<u>January 27, 2003</u>	<u>60/461420</u>	<u>April 10, 2003</u>
(Application No.)	(Filing Date)	(Application No.)	(Filing Date)
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I hereby claim the benefit of Title 35, United States Code Section 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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DECLARATION

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